

# EUROPEAN REGION

One of the major achievements of the ILAE since 1993 has been to establish meaningful regional organisations, which hold congresses, conduct educational activities and provide a framework for professional development within a geographical region. The first grouping was in Europe, and the ILAE European region has remained the largest and the most active; now with 42 chapters, a regional academy (EUREPA), a regional Commission (Commission on European Affairs; CEA) and Advisory Council, large biannual congresses, regular series of additional workshops and conferences, and a healthy budget. The CEA has also had a successful programme of political lobbying including the institution of a European White Paper on Epilepsy and the publication of an influential paper on the future of European research. The regionalisation of the ILAE in Europe certainly stimulated the growth in chapter numbers. This coincided with a period of intense political change in Europe, and the ILAE has taken the opportunities afforded by this change to expand its activities and to work for the benefit of epilepsy in many countries on a multinational basis.

## EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONGRESSES

1994–2008

1994	Oporto	Portugal
1996	Hague	Netherlands
1998	Warsaw	Poland
2000	Florence	Italy
2002	Madrid	Spain
2004	Vienna	Austria
2006	Helsinki	Finland
2008	Berlin	Germany

